

AGENDA
CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 1:30 PM

Department of Public Health Complex
Capitol Avenue, Hartford Connecticut
Conference Room A/B
Cafeteria Building

CALL TO ORDER

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 17, 2015

II. OPEN FORUM

III. UPDATES

- A. Chair Updates
- B. DPH Updates

IV. NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS v. FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Henry Salton, Assistant Attorney General

V. NEW BUSINESS

Oral Argument - Proposed Memorandum of Decision
Joel Singer, MD – Petition No. 2012-547

VI. OLD BUSINESS

ADJOURN

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES of February 17, 2015**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 370 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room A/B.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
Queenie Collins
Allyson Duffy, MD
Douglas Fellows, MD
Robert Green, MD
Rabbi Dov Greer
Eric Hodgson, MD
Michele Jacklin
Marilyn Katz, MD
Edward McAnaney, Esq.
Jean Rexford
Daniel Rissi, MD
Howard Sadinsky, DO
Andrew Salner, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Edward Monico, MD, JD
Peter Zeman, MD

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the December 16, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Emmett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andrews, to approve with edits. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Collins, Dr. Fellows, Dr. Hodgson, Dr. Rissi, and Dr. Wolf, who abstained.

II. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Ms. Rexford and Dr. Zeman will be attending the annual meeting of the Federation of State Medical Boards in April 2015.

B. Department of Public Health

1. Kathleen Boulware, RN, Department of Public Health (DPH), Practitioner Investigation Unit provided an update on investigative activity by the DPH during 2014 and Board members participation in the review of redacted cases.
2. Christian Andresen, Section Chief, DPH, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Investigation provided an update on various bills that have been raised during the 2105 legislative session.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. License Application Review -Sureshan Sivananthan, MD

Jan Cordero, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented information to the Board of Dr. Sivananthan's education and training for a recommendation regarding approval of Dr. Sivananthan's application for licensure. Dr. Sadinsky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green to recommend denial of Dr. Sivananthan's application. Following discussion the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, that this matter be tabled to allow the applicant to submit additional information regarding his training and his current practice in the State of Maine. The motion passed unanimously.

Reinstatement Application - Shaun Biggers, MD

Jan Cordero, Licensing and Applications Specialist, Department of Public Health, presented a license reinstatement application of Shaun Biggers. Dr. Biggers was present to answer questions from the Board. Ms. Rexford made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney recommending that Dr. Biggers' license be reinstated. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. OPEN FORUM

Rosanna Perretta, MD addressed the Board regarding her potential application for licensure in Connecticut.

She is U.S. trained, but is lacking approximately three months of residency training.

If the Department of Public Health determines that a review by the Board if necessary, Dr. Perretta's application will be added to a future agenda.

V. NEW BUSINESS continued

B. Proposed Memoranda of Decision

- i. Robert Goldberg, M.D. - Petition No. 2013-1138
- ii. Amanda Meulenberg, M.D. - Petition No. 2013-1141
- iii. Adam Ofer, M.D. - Petition No. 2013-1139
- iv. Elizabeth Sauter, M.D. - Petition No. 2013-1137
- v. Denis Sivak, M.D. - Petition No. 2013-1135
- vi. Marjorie Szeto, M.D. - Petition No. 2013-1136

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Attorney James Biondo was present on behalf of respondents. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health.

Argument was heard from Attorney Biondo and Attorney Tilles.

Hearing panelists Dr. Rissi, Dr. Wolf and Rabbi Greer provided a synopsis of their findings.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to adopt the decisions as written.

The motion passed unanimously. The Orders were signed by Ms. Emmett which imposes a \$1000.00 civil penalty for each respondent.

VI. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

A. Michael Ellwood, PA – Petition No. 2002-0815-023-005

Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti, Department of Public Health, presented a proposed modification to the first page of a 2003 Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Richard Brown was present on behalf of Mr. Ellwood.

Dr. Rissi made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney, to approve the modification. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Ronald Archibold, MD – Petition No. 2011-1138

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health, presented a motion to withdraw the Statement of Charges in this matter based on respondent's voluntary agreement not to renew or reinstate his license. Attorney James Biondo was present on behalf of Dr. Archibold. Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to adopt the Department's motion to withdraw the charges. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Deborah Greco (unlicensed) – Petition No. 2013-750

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Ms. Rexford made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order requires respondent to cease and desist activities that require licensure as a physician.

VII. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS

Hal Wassermen, MD – Petition No. 2012-333

A Proposed Memorandum of Decision is currently being drafted.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Rissi, to grant a 120 day extension in this matter. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson